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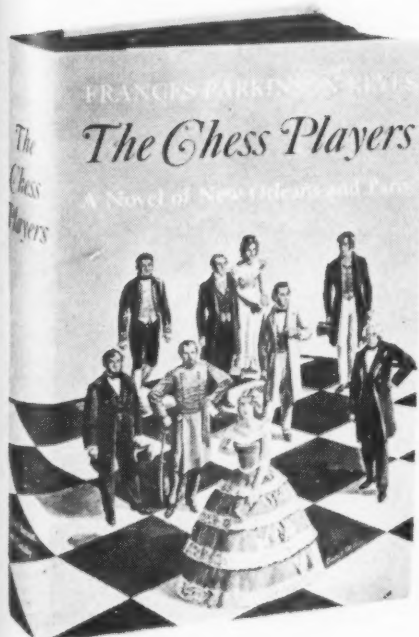


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Paul Morphy was the scion of two outstanding Creole families who, long before they were connected by marriage, had enjoyed a common bond in their love of chess. Alonzo, Paul's father, and Ernest, his uncle, were expert players, but before Paul was eleven he was able to defeat them, and in less than two years he had defeated all the amateur players of New Orleans. From then on, one dazzling triumph succeeded another, while only his love for his sweetheart seemed ill-starred. It was after he had come to consider himself a failure on this account that his supreme opportunity came, as Confederate agent in Paris.

Not only does Paul Morphy emerge as a vital and appealing figure in these pages but we see such great Civil War leaders as Judah P. Benjamin and Slidell, and General Beauregard, who was married in the house now known as Beauregard House, Mrs. Keyes' New Orleans residence and originally the home of the Morphys.

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# The President's Page

By

KATE WALLACH



Kate Wallach

Within the short period of two months, the Louisiana Library Movement and our Association have lost or will lose two pioneer supporters and members: Mrs. Lois Lester, whose memorial appears in this issue and John Hall Jacobs, who has accepted appointment as Director of the Atlanta Public Library, beginning in January 1961. If he could be persuaded to change his decision, we would all be his persuaders.

The Executive Board met on September 24, 1960 at the LSU Law Library. The agenda was a full one: Duties of the Executive Secretary, Committee appointments, Tax exemption for contributions to the Scholarship Fund, Budget, and Convention.

The Board decided to increase the Registration Fee for the New Orleans Convention to two dollars. Many favors and free services available in smaller cities cannot be expected in a city the size of New Orleans. Although the Convention Committees will strive to keep operating expenses to a minimum, the increased fee will help to defray some of the essential expenditures. Further announcements on the Convention are cautiously postponed until after the next

Board meeting on December 10, 1960 with the Convention Committees in New Orleans.

Please remember that a copy of all correspondence pertaining to Committees should be sent to the President. The majority of the Committees seem to be active.

The 1961 National Library Week Committee held its first meeting recently under its State Chairman, Mr. John Chase of New Orleans. Goals were agreed upon and seven sub-committees were appointed.

Mrs. Welker's duties for this year were limited to the organization of the files, mailing of the *Bulletin* and membership notices, preparation of a membership file of past and present members, distribution of stationery and forms. Mrs. Welker stands ready to render information from the files to each member, chairman, and committee member.

The Treasurer is going through vouchers of several years in order to prepare a list of recurring expenditures over a period of several years. Such a survey will be of great help in preparing a budget on a realistic basis. The ordering of stationery, e.g., should be done in larger quantities at regular intervals so that we can take advantage of quantity discounts. Bills should be paid when they become due and not be held over to the next fiscal year. If we take surpluses out of the account after each convention, we find ourselves without operating funds for at least half a year. This year, we were faced with the choice of delaying payment of a bill from Franklin Press for the *Bulletin* (over \$600) or making a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. We paid Franklin Press.

Our tax expert, Mr. Lore, advised that we transfer the Scholarship Fund in Trust, that we execute a trust agreement and that we award a scholarship this year. Mr. Lore will then attempt to get dispensation from the usual one year operating rule. In other words we might soon get a statement from

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## Professional Portrait



Miss Frances Flanders

Frances Flanders by professional training, observation, and experience has proved herself in the field of library service. She has been the dynamic personality in the Ouachita Parish Public Library for a number of years. It was largely because of her efforts that a building program was initiated, led, and directed. Three modern and functional libraries, a headquarters building, and two branch libraries were recently completed. A

dedication service held October 30, 1960, at the Anna Meyer Branch, marked the culmination of the four year construction period.

Miss Flanders uses energy and intelligence in focusing community interest on the library.

In a weekly column for the local newspaper, radio broadcasts, and frequent television appearances she informs the public of the riches and resources of the library. To enlarge the scope of reading, two "Great Books" discussion groups have been organized. The meeting rooms, film projector, record listening tables, and varied facilities, in addition to the able information service, attract many patrons.

In a physical surrounding of charm, warmth, and beauty Miss Flanders' aim in the last analysis is to give the best library service possible.

While Frances is dedicated to her work as a librarian, she gives generously of her time and talents to the First Presbyterian Church, The DAR, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, and the Little Theatre. Her family lives in Mansfield, Louisiana, where Frances attended high school. She completed her college work and library science degree at L.S.U. Some plums are that Frances enjoys good food and is a good cook herself—plays a good game of bridge—loves the theater and music. Her attractive appearance, engaging personality, ready wit, and warm smile endear her to all who know her.

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## L.L.A. Scholarship Fund

The LLA Scholarship Fund was established in 1956 with a goal of \$10,000 to be raised. Plans called for a scholarship, carrying a stipend of \$300 payable from accrued interest, to a graduate student in the LSU Library School. The purpose of the proposed scholarship, in addition to aiding a worthy student to pursue his professional library education, is that of recruitment of desirable and qualified Louisiana citizens to the library profession.

The scholarship fund has seen a continual, but sometimes slow growth since its beginning. Fewer than 100 persons have made contributions. As of November 1, 1960 the fund stands at \$5,811.80, just slightly over the half-way mark.

The LLA Executive Board was notified in September, 1960, that contributions to the Fund can become tax-exempt if the Association awards a scholarship. The Scholarship Committee requested the Executive Board to award only a token scholarship at this time rather than the originally proposed \$300 since the award must be made

before the end of 1960 to a student already in Library School and since the fund falls so far short of \$10,000. The tax expert replied, however, that the entire \$300 must be awarded if the fund is to receive tax-exempt status for the 1960 calendar year. The name of the recipient will be announced sometime in December.

The Scholarship Committee is presently formulating plans for a drive hoping to see a substantial growth in the Scholarship Fund before the LLA Conference in March, 1961. Every member of the Association and every library group in the state will be contacted.

Will each of you and every library group plan to make a contribution? With full support of every Louisiana librarian, the slowly lagging fund could soon reach the goal and the scholarship could become a reality.

Contributions, made payable to the LLA Scholarship Fund, may be sent to Dr. Sidney B. Smith, Director of the Libraries, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

## Necrology

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MRS. GEORGE M. LESTER

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Mrs. George M. Lester, friend of Louisiana libraries and librarians, died in New Orleans on October 27, 1960, with funeral services at Grace Church, St. Francisville, near her plantation home, well-known Waverly. She was a native of New Orleans, the former Lois Janvier, Carnival queen in 1912, a graduate of Newcomb College, and the widow of George M. Lester, civic and political leader of West Feliciana. As a lecturer and raconteur and an artist outstanding for her watercolor reproductions of Audubon's bird paintings, she had associations throughout Louisiana. Speaking on "Audubon and the Birds" and on her favorite books she appeared before many clubs and library-sponsored groups. Her delightful stories about herself as the interpreter of Mr. Audubon's birds endeared her to audiences. Intended only to hang in the Lester home, her bird replicas are displayed in the Louisiana State Library, in many parish libraries and in many homes of the State. She served the Louisiana State Library for a number of years as an active board member, and she was secretary of the Citizens' Library Movement since 1953. Proud of being a part of the library movement of Louisiana, she lent her infectious enthusiasm for books and people many times to parish library workers when they gathered for conferences. Her vital interest in libraries and the warm friendship she extended to librarians will be remembered long as a part of the Louisiana library scene.

# The Library Trustee Speaks \*

By

MRS. WELDON LYNCH

*Chairman, Trustee Section, LLA; President, Allen Parish Library Board, Acting First Vice President, ALTA.*

I bring you greetings from the National Board of the American Library Trustee Association, and greetings from Louisiana.

I feel at home with you today—at home in every sense of the word, most of all because I am with you: you people of the Library. One is never born a librarian or a library trustee. We may be born an Episcopalian or a Democrat, but never a library trustee. We become trustees because of the degree and kind of community service we wish to give. And this means that you and I have much the same broad personal philosophy. No matter what our political or religious beliefs—no matter where we live—or how diverse we may otherwise be, we are at one in our common concern for libraries.

No, trustees are not born. How convenient it would be, perhaps, if they were. But the sad fact is that most of us come to the job with only a very general and diffused background. We do not, usually, have even the preparation that a member of the school-board has; he who has attended public schools for twelve years as a participant, and who now, with his own children in school, functions as a close observer.

And so we come, with little or no training, as library trustees, with great good-will and the wish to be useful.

Let us not discount these, for they are prerequisites: stepping stones to the recognition of our prime responsibility: that of the utilization of every available resource to increase our competency and our value to our own library, and to libraries wherever they may be.

Those of us who have long years of service as trustees realize, equally with the newest member of the board, that in-service

training for trustees is necessary, and that as policy-makers, trustees must be continuously involved in self-education.

And today's trustee recognizes as never before his great need to grow — to keep pace with the galloping demands of the new decade. For today is a day of change and challenge—not only in the South, but across the nation. And this library, this tool to build a better America and a better world, this library is in our hands.

Today's trustee must be emotionally committed to the library, and it would help if he had a good, old-fashioned sense of vocation. Let us never fear or sneer at the dedicated. The time has come for dedication—the firm resolve on the part of every trustee to do the very best he can do—to use every means at hand to become a knowledgeable, capable, even inspired citizen-worker for the library.

We must formulate a Strategy for Excellence which will enable us to make a vital contribution to the life and service of our library. This kind of aspiration is contagious, and the enthusiasm of an entire board can be rekindled by the efforts of one trustee who desires to excel to the end that a better library might be achieved.

So, for the sake of excellence this is the time to read the professional publications, the handbooks, the journals. This is the time to take advantage of any short course in local settings, or on the state level. This is the time to make every effort to attend national workshops and seminars.

Particularly must we attend discussion groups with other trustees — workshops, seminars—for though we need to develop excellence as never before, we are not required to develop it in isolation.

Workshops and Seminars are, by their

\* Speech delivered at the Southeastern Library Association Meeting at Asheville, N. C., October 13-15, 1960.

very nature splendid opportunities for trustee education on all levels. They even have some bonus values in personal prestige. I am thinking now of what Alabama's Jerome Levy said at the concluding session of the Columbia Seminar of Trustees in New York last June.

Mr. Levy had been the chairman of his round-table group, and as such, was asked to give a brief report of its findings. He said that he had surely enjoyed being the chairman, but that perhaps the greatest personal profit would accrue when he had occasion to make speeches around Alabama, and would find it possible to refer, casually, to "When I attended Columbia." And, he said, now that he was presenting a report in front of the assembled participants, he gave himself about a year before his casual references would begin to include, "When I taught at Columbia."

My own father must have something of the same turn of mind, for he gave me a grant to attend the New York Seminar. He said that he was glad to do it, for he had always wanted to be able to complain about the high cost of keeping a child in college in New York City!

I think that this would be a good place to tell you that the 1961 ALTA Workshop will be held on the campus of Western Reserve University in Cleveland, according to present plans. So if you would like to add a little academic ammunition to your conversation, do plan to attend, and we will promise you that this is the very least you will gain!

In Montreal, at the Workshop, we had a registration which was the largest ever: 231. There were 14 registered from the states within the Southeastern Regional group. Of 70 registered at Columbia, 5 were from this area.

It is our hope that the Cleveland meeting will have a good attendance, not because we measure the usefulness of the Workshop by the numbers present, but rather so that we may all benefit by the widest possible range of participation.

For in the trustee workshop, everyone gives. There is always a lively interchange

of opinion. The Round-table is dear to the heart of every trustee, for it is here that every viewpoint is welcomed and every contribution is evaluated.

It is in such small groups that even problems of a local nature can be discussed.

It is in Workshop round-tables, also, that we learn from other trustees how their libraries function, what they are doing, in what areas they excel and where they fail.

This is the kind of information that helps us evaluate our own operation. I wonder if we are as careful to praise the librarian in our system when there is reason to do so, as we are ready to complain when all does not go well.

If we do not praise when such praise is indicated, it may mean that we lack sufficient background in the operation of libraries in general, to recognize a superior performance when we see it.

This is a sad circumstance, for librarians are people, and they respond to commendation just as you and I. All of us function more efficiently and happily in an atmosphere of understanding and appreciation. Attendance at Workshops — learning how other libraries function—helps trustees make this atmosphere possible.

One of the most rewarding aspects of meeting to learn is that concepts which once seemed impossibly forbidding, now become, through our familiarity with them, bred of discussion, something which we might find very acceptable. A case in point here would be units of service. We cling tenaciously to the village library, refusing to admit that the evidence clearly shows that to join a county system would be an improvement. But when we meet with trustees from other libraries, and discuss with them larger units, the standards, and how these might apply to us. We talk with those who have found such a change workable and practical, and presently we begin to have a more open mind. And it is a home truth that we must grow before our library can grow.

A side effect here is that the trustee who attends national meetings is far more apt to read the professional publications than he who does not attend. The material, the



names, the pictures—all these are familiar, and hence, attractive. The *Bulletin* and the *Public Library Trustee* have a definite part in trustee self-education, and they are as close as the bedside table.

We need not fly to San Francisco or drive to Montreal to learn from these and other publications. But the wish to read them must be present, and we find that the stimulating discussions we have at trustee gatherings makes us more receptive to the written materials, and more eager for them.

The programming at workshops is almost planned to attempt to present the big picture—the broad problem—before it is discussed in its various applications. This gives us a feeling of identification with libraries, instead of just library.

How wonderful it would be if every trustee were so committed to libraries, so involved emotionally, that every time he picked up a newspaper where the word "library" occurred, it would leap out at him from the page, as one's own name in print does. This extension of interest from the local scene to include what is happening in other libraries everywhere cannot but make a better, more fully informed trustee.

The Action Development Committee of the American Library Trustee Association, in its report at the June meeting, called on all the states to plan Governor's Conferences, in order to make the workshop format available to greater numbers of trustees.

It is fine to know that three of the states in the Southeastern Region have had such conferences. These answers to "why Workshops?" on the national level are true in most instances on the state level also. Any meeting to learn with other trustees is valuable, no matter in what setting. While national meetings have some special built-in advantages, state gatherings have virtues of their own which cannot always carry over to the national scene.

All this talk of meeting and gathering makes me think of a verse found in the twelfth chapter of Daniel in the Old Testament. It seems to me that it has direct application to all meetings, on whatever

level. It reads, "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." The fact that you and I are here today surely demonstrates that many, indeed, do run to and fro, and we shall hope that before our time together is over, your knowledge and mine shall have been increased.

I have left until the last the two justifications for workshops which I consider to be perhaps most important.

One of these is the possibility—indeed, the probability — of the chance encounter, sometimes the most valuable aspect of the meeting. We sit next to a pleasant person and start a conversation. Friendships which span the continent may start this way, and the ideas and information which are exchanged often cast new light and perspective on old problems.

But the greatest boon of all is the new enthusiasm for our job, the new head of steam we accumulate, when we gather with others of our kind to talk about libraries.

This inspiration carries over into everything we do, and it revitalizes us, and through us, the libraries for which we work.

The results of a workshop can never be evaluated, with any validity, on the scene at the time. Its success or failure is a personal thing, reflected in the future attitudes of each participant.

If some new insight gained, some new challenge felt, affects a decision or a position taken, in that moment the workshop becomes a success.

The Ways of Workshops—why do we continue this type of trustee activity year after year?

- Because we feel a need for self-education and in-service training.
- Because we recognize who we are and what we are: citizens ultimately responsible for the public library.
- Because we know that the times call for excellence and we must develop a strategy for it.
- Because at Workshops we gain both inspiration and information, and find stimulating fellow-ship with others like ourselves.

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# New Library Buildings In Louisiana Colleges

Edited by T. N. McMullan  
Louisiana State University

*Editor's Introduction: The Sixth Louisiana College Librarians Annual Conference was held this year at Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond, on November 18-19 1960. One of the three subjects programmed was a panel devoted to the presentation of three libraries that are under construction. After a busy Friday afternoon of looking into details of library buildings—Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, McNeese State College and the University of Southwestern Louisiana—it was agreed that we should see the Centenary plans on Saturday morning. A great deal of interest was manifested and discussion, comments and questions never subsided.*

*Louisiana is unique in that every university and college has recently built, is building, is planning to build, or is adding to its present library building. The feeling of the group was that this is only a beginning and maybe we should look into the possibilities of an old-fashioned Library Buildings Institute in the near future. This Institute would be of two days duration and would include arrangement and operation, building plans, building trends, lighting, heating, cooling, floor covering, furnishings, color and other related subjects. It was the consensus of opinion of the group that these meetings are beneficial to all builders and would-be builders, and that experience is a good teacher.*

*As moderator of this panel, it occurred to me that it might be of interest to the membership of the association to publish the floor plans and profiles of the libraries, together with a brief description of the buildings and operations. The series will be initiated with the Louisiana Tech plans. They were presented by Mrs. Thesta Hogan.*



Architects' view of the New Louisiana Tech Library.

# Louisiana Polytechnic Institute's New Library

On September 6, 1960, construction of the new library at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute began. The new building replaces the present structure which was erected in 1927.

When completed the three-story, air-conditioned new library will be 159 feet by 114 feet and will contain 55,268 square feet of floor space. 51,000 feet of this will be devoted to public service areas.

The contractor is Southern Builder, Inc., of Shreveport under a bid of \$684,000, a cost of \$12.38 per square foot. Architects for the new building are Nield, Somdal, and Smitherman of Shreveport. Edmund Lowe, Director of Libraries at Oklahoma State University is the consultant.

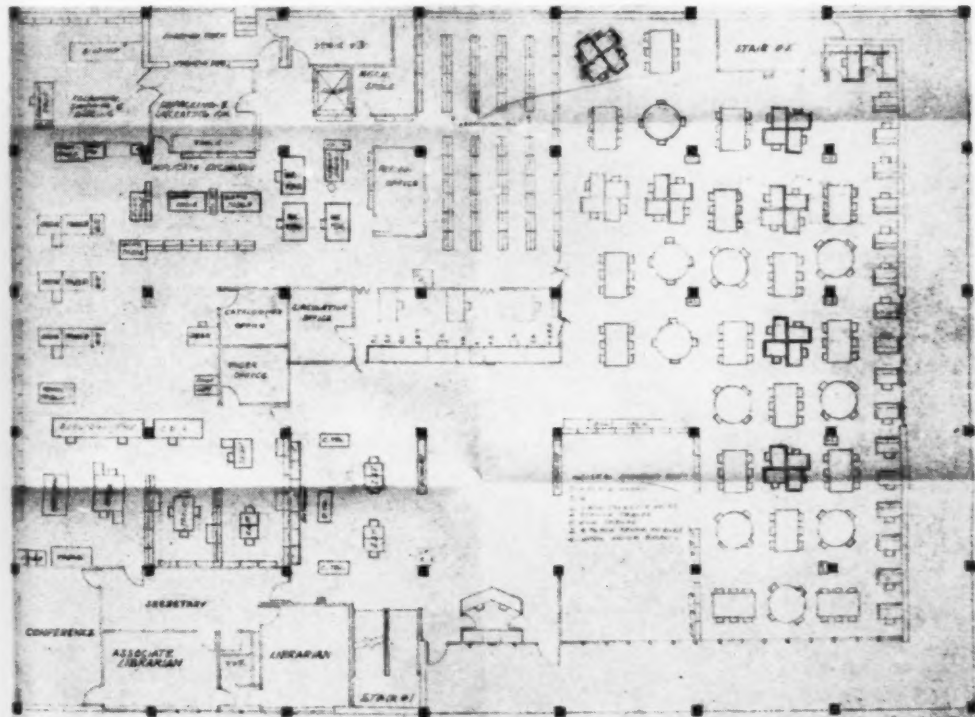
The building is designed to obtain maximum flexibility of interior arrangement. It is of modular construction and only about

twenty per cent of the floor space is fixed. The modules are 22 feet 6 inches square leaving 21 feet between posts, the measurement needed for standard shelving.

Bids have not been let for the equipment and furnishings. This will probably be done early in 1961. Present planning calls for steel book stacks and walnut furniture of modern design. The equipment is expected to cost about \$150,000 with an additional \$15,000 to refinish some of the old equipment which will be used.

Plans call for steam driven central heating and air conditioning. Vinyl asbestos will be used on the basement floor, rubber tile on the first and second floors, with some exceptions. The lobby floor will be of terrazzo, and carpet will be used in the lounge areas and the librarian's office suite. Inset

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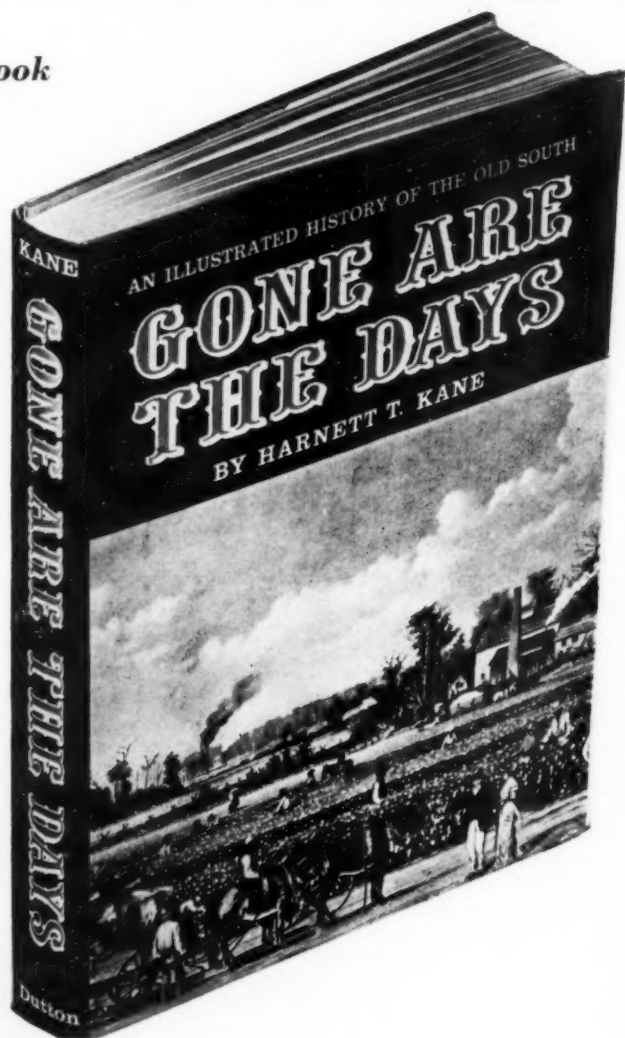
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# In The News

By

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Among Libraries reporting changes or additions to their staff is Loyola University Library. Mrs. Aida Vergne was appointed assistant in the Circulation Department. Miss Evelyne Berger was added as an assistant in the Cataloging Department.

At Louisiana Polytechnic Institute Sammy Dyson, formerly librarian at Louisiana College, was appointed Associate Librarian. Mr. Dyson received his Bachelor of Science degree from Northwestern State College and his Master of Science from the L.S.U. Library School.

David B. Howell, recently appointed Director of Libraries at the Richard W. Norton Memorial Library at Louisiana College, received his Master of Library Science degree from the University of Mississippi in August. His master's paper was on the Alexandria Public Library from 1907-1956.

Mrs. Mary H. Chaudoir, Richard W. Norton Memorial Library, was appointed Director of Technical Processing to replace Mr. Howell.

From Cameron Parish comes news that Mrs. Dale Desonier has been appointed headquarters assistant at the Cameron Parish Library. Mrs. Jo Ann Segura, formerly in headquarters, is now Bookmobile Assistant.

St. Bernard Parish Library reports that Miss Jesselyn Lamb, formerly Bookmobile Librarian, resigned August 19, 1960 to attend the George Peabody School of Library Service on a \$1,500 scholarship from Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Horace Gray, Muskogee, Oklahoma, replaced Miss Lamb.

Miss Florence E. Kloser, assistant librarian, St. Bernard Parish Library, resigned September 17, 1960 to become Post Librarian at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Georgia. Miss Kloser was replaced by Mrs. Bertha Crausby Prida. Mrs. Prida, before her marriage and residence in Havana, Cuba, was assistant librarian in the Sabine Parish Library.

Mrs. Weldon Lynch, president of the Allen Parish Library Board, president of the LLA Trustees Section and Acting Vice-President of the ALTA, was luncheon speaker at the October 15th trustees' meeting of the Southeastern Library Association at their meeting in Asheville, North Carolina. Mrs. Lynch spoke on "Whys of Workshops."

Mrs. Lynch also presided at the meeting of the trustees of the Eighth Congressional District, which met in Alexandria on November 17th to discuss trustee responsibility in policy-making and professional aids for trustees. At the meeting were representatives from Avoyelles, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon, Winn and Evangeline parishes. This marked the initial meeting of the group to form an organization of the Eighth District Trustees.

Mrs. Marguerite Hudson is Branch Assistant for the Kinder Branch of the Allen Parish Library. She replaces Mrs. Bess Herin, who resigned in June.

Mr. Christian E. Lefebvre, native of Paris, France, an August graduate of Louisiana State University Library School, was appointed Branch Librarian, a new position at the St. Bernard Parish Library.

Miss Caroline Paddock, Engineering and

Forestry Librarian, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, spent the summer traveling in Europe as a member of the European Travel Study Program in Comparative Education sponsored by Wayne State University.

Mr. Louis B. Germany, formerly librarian at Glenmora High School, was appointed Acquisitions Librarian at Northwestern State College of Louisiana. During the summer Mr. Germany held a temporary position on the library staff of LSU-Alexandria.

E. J. Scheerer, Librarian, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, attended the Southwestern Library Association meeting at Tucson. As chairman of the Book Award Committee, he presented the S.W.L.A. Book Award to Frank O'Rourke for his novel, *THE FAR MOUNTAINS*.

Mrs. Eleanora R. Alfonson, headquarters assistant, St. Bernard Parish Library, took six months' maternity leave in October. Mrs. Angela Zornes, Bookmobile assistant, resigned at the same time to accept a position in the Clerk of Court's Office. Neither position was filled as of the first of November.

Eugene Watson, librarian, Northwestern State College, delivered an address to the College and University Section of the Mid-South Conference of the Catholic Library Association in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 26th.

Miss Barbara Meades, M.S. in L.S., LSU, June 1960, joined the staff of the Northeast Louisiana State College Library in July.

Mrs. Wilma Neveu, B.S. in L.S., LSU, 1947, is replacing Mrs. Birdie Fragala at Northeast Louisiana State College Library. Mrs. Fragala is on leave.

Among Louisiana Librarians who attended the Southwest Library Association Convention in Tucson last month were Miss Adele Bodker, librarian of Tangipahoa Parish Library; Mrs. Thelma Dixon, librarian, Washington Parish Library; Miss Flo-

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rette Porches, librarian of Lafourche Parish Library; and Miss Clara Haupt, librarian of Terrebonne Parish Library.

Cameron Parish Library's first summer in the reading program found 100 children completing requirements of the Summer Reading Club and receiving certificates. Fifteen adults in Cameron Parish completed the required reading for certificates in the adult reading program sponsored by the Louisiana State Library.

Construction of the new library building at Louisiana Polytechnic is "well under way, and it is hoped that the move into the new quarters can be made in the fall of 1961."

Construction on the Dupre Library at the University of Southwestern Louisiana began in August. Target date for completion has been set for the fall of 1961.

One of the main features of the remodeling of International House in New Orleans was the relocating and enlarging of the Thomas F. Cunningham Reference Library on the tenth floor. A Rededication of International House after its recent remodeling program is set for November 27th through 29th.

Staff members of the Thomas F. Cunningham Reference Library travelled at home and abroad this year. Miss Harriet Lemann, librarian, had her first glimpse of New England this fall. Miss Liselotte Anderson visited her family in Germany. Miss Elaine Hinrichs drove with friends to Yellowstone National Park.

The State Library's exhibit at the Louisiana State Fair featured services of the State Library to Louisiana citizens and the need for librarians. In addition to the panels illustrating these, a Projectograph machine showed slides of Louisiana plantation homes.

James S. Cookston, director of the recruiting project of the State Library, and

Miss Margie Lynch, Vernon Parish Librarian, prepared a booth for the West Louisiana Forestry Festival in Leesville held September 26-October 1st.

Mr. Cookston spoke at the meeting of the Student Library Assistants of Mississippi in Jackson on November 12.

An organization meeting of trustees and librarians from the Eighth Congressional District, including the parishes of Sabine, Natchitoches, Winn, LaSalle, Vernon, Grant, Rapides and Avoyelles, was held at Hotel Bentley in Alexandria, November 16. Mrs. Weldon Lynch, Chairman of the LLA Trustee Section, presided. Among those from the State Library staff in attendance were Miss Sallie Farrell, Miss Kathryn Adams, and Miss Sarah I. Jones. Trustees and librarians from Evangeline Parish were also invited.

Murrell C. Wellman, Librarian for the Department of the Blind, attended the Conference of Regional Librarians for the Blind in Washington in November 13-16.

Mrs. Marcia Perkins has been appointed Librarian for the Audubon Regional Library Demonstration.

Mrs. Frances Pirkle, Circulation Librarian at the State Library, returned on October 8 from a month's tour of Europe.

Miss Sallie J. Farrell, Field Representative for the State Library, attended the SWLA Conference held in Tucson, October 27-30.

Mrs. Zelia French, Secretary of the Kansas Library Commission's Travelling Library, visited the State Library in November and described their services. Mrs. French also visited the Jackson Parish Demonstration, the New Orleans Public Library, the Lafayette Parish Library and the St. Martin Parish Library.

Miss Debora R. Abramson, Assistant State Librarian, attended the second assembly

of State Librarians at the Library of Congress, November 16-18.

A meeting of the administrative parish librarians was held at the State Library December 1-2.

Mr. Robert Talmadge, Director of the Tulane University Library, and Mr. Roy Kidman, Assistant Librarian, attended the meeting of the Southeast Library Association at Asheville, North Carolina and the Southwestern Library Association at Tucson, Arizona.

New staff members at the Tulane University Library include Mrs. Janet Krieger (Columbia) as Science Librarian; Mr. Kent Schriefer (University of California), Serials Cataloger; Mrs. Patricia Segleau (formerly librarian at Metairie Park Country Day School), Circulation Librarian; and Mrs. Margery Wylie (formerly of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library), member of the Catalog Department. Mr. Robert Bledsoe, 1960 LSU Library School graduate, and Mrs. Kathleen Verbos (Texas State College for Women) have been added to the Acquisitions Department. Mr. Robert Greenwood, formerly Circulation Librarian, now heads the Acquisitions Department. Mrs. Isabel Snodgrass has retired after serving for more than 40 years as Music Librarian.

The Tulane University Library has been presented with one of the few existing complete sets of books published by the Limited Editions Club. The donor, Mr. A. Watson Chapman, Chicago, a Tulane Alumnus and charter member of the club, plans to continue to add works newly published to the collection.

Mr. John T. Cupit, Vice President of the Vernon Parish Library Board, and Mr. Otis E. Welch, Trustee, attended the organizational meeting of the 8th District Library Trustees Association held November 17th in Alexandria.

Miss Margie Lynch resigned as Librarian

of the Vernon Parish Library to become Librarian of the Calcasieu Parish Library, effective January 1st, 1961.

Professor S. Metella Williams, LSU Library School, conducted a three-day in-service training course in adult books and reading at the Vernon Parish Library in Leesville in September. The course was taught for the benefit of library assistants in the West Central Louisiana Region of Libraries. Twenty-four persons attended the course from Allen, Beauregard, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides and Vernon Parishes.

The Rapides Parish Library now has two bookmobiles as part of its services. In September a new \$15,000 air-conditioned bookmobile was added to take care of needs. The bright red and cream-colored school bookmobile makes trips to 13 schools on alternate weeks. Other schools will be added as the schedule permits.

The new bookmobile has incorporated all of the improvements, which the use of the older bookmobile indicated were necessary. Miss Viola Cathy, assistant, reports that the attention-getting bookmobile boosted book circulation to 8,491 in the first month of use.

The "old" bookmobile, which has become a familiar sight to parish residents during its 8 years of service, has been reconditioned and restocked. Miss Dorothy Mitchell, new assistant for this "Community Bookmobile," makes an even 100 stops on her schedule. Mr. Dewitt Benton is driver for the Community Bookmobile. Mr. A. O. McCartney is the driver for the school bookmobile.

Four members of the Winn Parish Library Board and the Parish Librarian, Mrs. Rubie M. Hanks, attended the organizational meeting of the Trustees of the 8th Congressional District held in Alexandria November 17. Members of the Board attending were: G. H. Walker, President; Newton Forrest, Treasurer; Richard Watts and Henry Keiffer, President of the Police Jury and ex-officio member of board.

# Report Of The LLA Adult Education Committee

Your help is needed by the L.L.A. Adult Education Committee and the Louisiana Library Association. It has proven difficult for the Association to establish the fact that L.L.A. is an educational organization rather than a business league, and should be eligible for tax exempt status with the Federal Government. For that reason, the L.L.A. Adult Education committee has been requested to plan a continuing educational program.

It is the opinion of our L.L.A. President, Miss Kate Wallach, and the Executive Board that this program, if entered into by the membership, will not only assist greatly in establishing tax exempt status but will also have other advantages, e.g. eligibility for receipt of foundation grants which are usually awarded to educational associational associations, and reduced postage rates. This goal can be achieved only with your assistance.

The committee met December 1, 1960, at the L.S.U. Library to discuss projects for this coming year. After careful consideration as to what might interest libraries in this particular area of service (adult education), we decided to provide information and suggestions for the 1960-1961 year concerning two projects.

Your careful consideration of the proposed program is requested. Knowing how busy librarians are with the plans and responsibilities of their regular library services, the committee has tried to keep its suggestions few in number and simple to execute. Any projects, ideas, or suggestions you, as an L.L.A. member, have that will help the association to be recognized as an active educational association will be welcome.

1. For only two dollars annually, either

you or your library can affiliate with the Adult Education Association of Louisiana. Why does the committee consider such membership important? To quote from a letter written by Mr. Findley Raymond, President of A.E.A.L. "... participation through active membership in the Adult Education Association of Louisiana is one very positive way that Louisiana libraries and librarians can serve our cause and, consequently, profit from our resources . . . I think that public education on the current, vital issues and problems facing our society today is to be commended . . ."

2. With the attention of the nation focused upon the problems of the aging, following district and state meetings and the January, 1961, White House Conference, the committee believes that libraries would be interested in ideas as to ways of contributing their share to the effort. A basic list of ten or twelve current books is being prepared for your consideration for purchase. Large libraries, or those with extensive demand for this type of material will want to refer to lists appearing in a 1960 issue of Booklist and those distributed by the Louisiana Commission on the Aging.

If possible, the committee plans to sponsor an exhibit at the L.L.A. convention showing examples of integrated part of library service which may add to the completeness of your total program. Specific information, including a practical outline of one or two sample activities, will be mailed to you.

Respectfully submitted,

L.L.A. Adult Education Committee

Mrs. Rubie M. Hanks

Mrs. Frances M. Pigott

Mrs. Margaret B. Sabadie

Hazel G. Sockrider, Chairman

## Book Review

*Rudolph Matas: A Biography of one of the Great Pioneers in Surgery.* By Isidore Cohn, M. D. with Hermann B. Deutsch. (Garden City, N. Y.: Doubleday & Co., 1960. Pp. 431. Illustrations, appendix, index. \$5.95.)

On September twelfth of this year, the one hundredth birthday of Rudolph Matas was celebrated with the publication of this biography. The famous surgeon was born in New Orleans of Spanish parents and spent his early years in New Orleans, Paris, Barcelona, Matamoros, and Brownsville, Texas. He decided very early to follow his somewhat quixotic father in the study of medicine. In March of 1880, at the age of nineteen, Matas received the doctor of medicine degree from the University of Louisiana (Tulane), after serving two years as a resident student at Charity Hospital.

From the beginning of his professional career, Matas showed originality and audacity in his experimentation and his willingness to depart from time-honored theory and practice in medicine and surgery. Many of the techniques and procedures which are now standard, particularly in vascular surgery, were perfected by his devoted efforts to find the best solution to the problem at hand. Through his professorship of surgery at Tulane University and by his writings and lectures, Matas was able to exert a great deal of influence on the profession and to bring recognition both to himself and his school. He received honors and positions from most of the leading medical and surgical organizations of the world, as well as decorations from several foreign governments.

Isidore Cohn, the senior author, was a student of Matas at Tulane and for more than fifty years was a close associate of the renowned doctor. Cohn has tried very hard "to tell the story of his [Matas's] life in a factual way, uninfluenced by personal partiality." The junior author, Hermann B. Deutsch, is a journalist and editor, who has

published several books and popular articles. Between them, they have written a good book.

This biography, which reads like a novel, contains a great deal of accurate historical information, not only medical but also of the political and social developments in Louisiana, the United States, and the world at large. The authors have used this incidental material to create some of the most dramatic parts of the work. Readers interested in American literature will be pleased to learn that Matas carried on an extensive correspondence with Lafcadio Hearn, and that it is reproduced in this book with very little deletion.

While this book contains very little documentation, in the usual sense of that word, the reader feels that he is never far from the sources. The authors generally allow the records to speak for themselves, and where they are silent, the suggested conclusions are fairly conservative. In places the work was one of editing rather than of writing. In some cases where the facts are not clear, a good critical sense is shown by placing possible alternative interpretations in the footnotes.

There is a large amount of very personal material in the book, relating largely to family feuds. Much of this is needed to show the development of Matas's character. It is also admitted that this material is very interesting. However, it is felt that in a serious biography much of such detail can be omitted. This, of course, is a matter of taste as well as of the literary problem of the purpose of biographies. It is this reviewer's opinion that the authors could have exercised a little more selectivity.

The authors are usually objective, but there are a few slips in the selection of adjectives involving some persons. The book is an important contribution to the study of American medical history. It is written in such a way that it should find a wide audience among both scholars and laymen. Certainly no Louisiana library should be without a copy.

Louisiana State University

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## LA. POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE—

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fluorescent lights will be used in most of the building. There will be an illuminated ceiling in the lobby.

The main floor will feature an open lobby flanked by two display cases. There will also be a browsing area, a formal reading area, the card catalog, charging desk, check point, reserve book collection, the librarian's office suite and technical processes.

The basement floor will be devoted mainly to the social sciences, with an information office centered in this section. One end will contain the documents room which will also have an information desk. Other rooms will house the rare books and space is provided for a future Louisiana Room.

The top floor will include the humanities and sciences, with a separate information desk for each. Here will also be an informal music area equipped with stereo and high fidelity phonographs and ear phones.

Each floor will have typing rooms and private study rooms for students and faculty members. There will be rest rooms and drinking fountains on each floor and six informal lounging areas.

The present collections number about 84,500 volumes and about 275,000 state and federal documents. The new building is designed to accommodate 840 readers with a maximum book capacity of 231,700.

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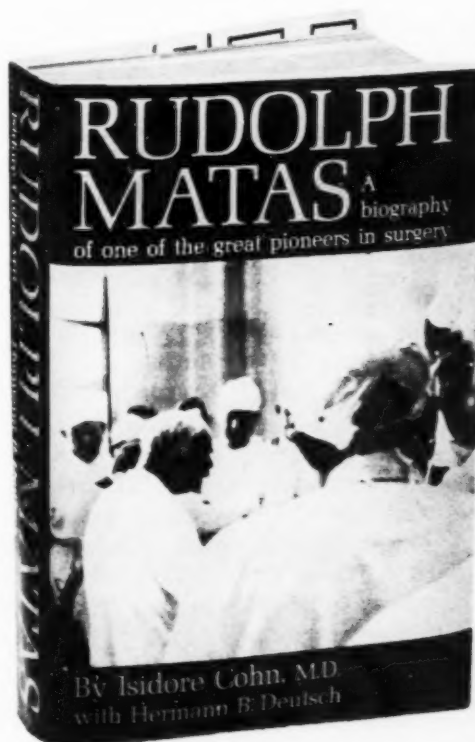
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## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE—

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the Bureau on tax exemption of contributions to the fund. Such authorization is needed for the protection of donors to the fund, if they desire to deduct these donations in their income tax returns. The Board decided to follow Mr. Lore's advice. He drafted the Trust Agreement and the Board, by mail vote, named the following trustees for the terms of years given in parenthesis: Mrs. Calvin Schwing and Dr. Sidney Smith (three); Dr. Essae M. Culver and Mrs. Lena deGrummond (two); Mrs. Marguerite Hanchey and Miss Kate Wallach (one). All accepted service.

The Scholarship Committee was informed of the Board's decision to award a scholarship as recommended by Mr. Lore and asked to select a worthy student. By letter of October 31, 1960, the Committee requested reconsideration of the decision; in the alternative, a reduction of the amount to a token award of \$50 or \$100. Meanwhile, a meeting of the Trustees was held on November 14, 1960 during which Dr. Smith talked over the phone with Mr. Lore, who then clearly stated that an amount of \$300 was needed in order to prove to Internal Revenue our operations of the Fund. The Trustees decided to make this amount available for this calendar year.

It is hoped that the Scholarship Committee will succeed in its task of augmenting the fund. The balance in the fund is presently \$5,811.80 and will be reduced by \$300. About \$8,000 are needed to provide \$300 income at the present rate of 4% interest. We need about \$2,500 in contributions. With over 900 individual members, it ought to be possible to reach the goal. When the Scholarship Committee starts its drive, we are sure that your response will be a generous one.

Mrs. Shortess, Business Manager of the *Bulletin*, has solicited more ads for the *Bulletin*. She hopes that she may reduce the subsidy. The Treasurer discovered that a hidden subsidy of the *Bulletin* had swelled the general operating account by some \$380 for mailing expenses of the *Bulletin*. We

have checked into this matter, but have not come up with a reduction. An estimate of subsidies for the *Bulletin* will be prepared. This is another effort to obtain control over our anticipated expenditures.

I am including these dry observations so that you are more fully apprised of the issues. An association representing almost a thousand members has to adopt business techniques different from those satisfactory for a small group of members. We are generous, but we have to provide the means to be generous with, or we are merely making empty gestures. The Section Fund and the Scholarship Fund are earmarked; they may make it appear on paper as if we were rich; deduct these amounts and there is not much left for operating funds. Most committees have asked for larger amounts than allocated to them in the Budget.

Enough business. Those who attended the SWLA meeting in Tuscon reported that they had a wonderful time, thanks to Mrs. Morton's excellent program. I found myself in a conflict of duty situation and had to stay home. If I owe you an apology for not representing you, here it is, with much regret.

Peggy Harper, President of the Louisiana Chapter of Special Libraries Association, conducted a joint meeting with the Texas Chapter on November 5, 1960 at Shreveport. We can all be proud of her accomplishments and special recognition for able assistance should go to LLA members Alice Alben, Jane Davies, Al Layton, and prospective member, Mrs. Exum Estrada for bringing to the meeting so many representatives of their own companies and institutions and interested members of the public and library profession. Among these were Inez Boone and several of her staff members, and Dr. Ruth Baldwin with two students enrolled in her class in Special Libraries. The two speakers, Dr. Burton Adkinson, of the National Science Foundation, and Dr. Robert R. Douglass, Director of the Graduate School of Library Science, University of Texas, provided stimulation for a spirited discussion. Dr. Adkinson spoke on "Information—A Tool of Research and Development" to a group of specialists in the

scientific field who expressed much concern with the dissemination of research reports. Dr. Douglass explained the Texas internship program following formal library education which provides experience in specialized fields for those librarians who have selected a special library career and who are willing to undergo, at financial sacrifice, additional training similar to that of a medical specialist.

Several members of the audience inquired about library short courses for their subject specialists. There seems to be a need for some library training of persons who would not expect to apply all of the subjects taught in Library School, but would want to concentrate their studies on reference work. Dr. Adkinson pointed out that it would be the task of State Library Associations and Library Schools with financial assistance from interested employers to work out a solution to this pressing problem which the library profession should not leave unsolved.

I am reporting this meeting to you for two reasons: one, there is a job to be done with which you all should be concerned; two, it is possible to interest outsiders in library problems and we should attempt to draw them more into our meetings instead of talking to ourselves about our problems. We can help each other better if we discuss our mutual problems together and try to understand our needs.

To all of you, a good holiday season and a peaceful New Year.

KATE WALLACH  
President, LLA

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEE SPEAKS—

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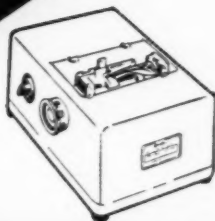
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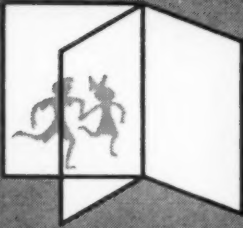
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# *Libraries: A Link in Communication*

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In 1958 the White House issued a press release on improving the availability of scientific information in the United States, which included this statement:

"... It may be said that both inside and outside the normal channels of scientific communication a mounting flood of research data threatens to swamp even the most zealous investigator. The implications go far beyond the inability of one man, or even a group of men, to keep abreast of developments in their field. Our very progress in culture, economics, and science advance is determined in a large measure by the speed with which research findings are disseminated among scholars who can use them to further research..."

This statement epitomizes the information problem. Where and how shall the researcher and administrator find information? How does the special library act as an important link in this communication chain?

In answering these questions, four points will be considered: (1) the definition of a special library; (2) the information habits and needs of the scholars and administrators; (3) the role of the special library in meeting the information needs of these persons; and (4) prominent trends in modern special libraries—trends which promise greater ability on the part of the special library to satisfy information needs.

What is a special library? A special library is a collection of materials,—frequently consisting of unpublished as well as published information, which is organized to serve a clientele with specialized interests; it usually embraces specialized subject areas, and often contains considerable depth of information within these areas. A special library frequently is the central point for information in an organization, which may be an investment firm, an advertising agency,

a hospital, a newspaper, a trade association, a scientific society, a producer of guided missiles, or a research establishment of a large industrial complex.

Libraries have existed for thousands of years, but the concept of the special library as we know it today is quite new. Proposed just after the turn of this century, there were no precedents on which to pattern such a library, and so new ground was broken. In the subsequent fifty years, our nation has seen the birth and development of aviation, radio, television, the splitting of the atom, to name just a few of the branches of science and technology which were born after the special library. Our nation's research personnel and administrators must cope with problems which promise much in terms of application and discovery, but which also increase the complexity of communication.

The general process for obtaining needed information might be summarized in four questions which the individual scholar or administrative person asks: (1) How can I learn what information on my problem exists? (2) Is it published or unpublished? (3) Where is it located? (4) How can I get at it?

The awareness of existing information is essential to the scholar since his research must be original. Someone else's work may be repeated to test its validity, but the emphasis, professionally and psychologically, is on originality. The technologist, in turn, must devise new and better ways to apply scientific and technical knowledge to the world's needs. And again the emphasis is on originality. Both the researcher and the technologist must have available the latest information related to their fields of endeavor, since neither can afford to accidentally repeat the work of others; repetition when unwittingly done is embarrassing as



well as wasteful. The less time spent in searching out what is already known, the more time is available for research. Studies indicate that a scholar spends a considerable amount of time looking for information.

Communication of information among scholars is to a considerable extent achieved in a personal manner—through conversation, correspondence, and attendance at symposia and conferences. In addition, there is heavy reliance on a variety of journals, monographs, and special reference works. For broader knowledge of developments in his field and in related disciplines, especially those of foreign origin published in a foreign language, the researcher frequently must depend on indexes, abstracts, translations, catalogs, and bibliographies. He has to know where to go, and in order not to be swamped with too much information, he must be selective. He usually turns to abstracts, bibliographies and reviews for a summary of current work in order to select the most pertinent papers. State of the art subject or to ascertain whether important information in his own specialities has been overlooked.

The scholar must overcome not only the natural handicaps of language and distance, but also the manmade handicaps of volume and form. A great deal of material significant to the scholar is being published in unfamiliar languages, such as Russian and Japanese. In addition, the scholar who needs a particular foreign book or journal may be far distant from the location of the nearest copy as indicated in a union catalog or list, assuming he has access to accurate, current catalogs and lists.

The search for information has become a major problem since World War II because the rapid rate of scientific and economic progress has multiplied the volume of information to a point where it can no longer be currently published and easily controlled within the framework of existing methods, especially those with which the scholar is most familiar.

In addition diversity of form plagues the researcher. The periodical and the technical report are the select vehicles for disseminat-

ing new knowledge today, but reports are often unpublished and therefore not easily available. Research reports are often both the blessing and the curse of the librarian and the scholar.

The basic techniques devised through the centuries for handling and disseminating scholarly information are sound, but the increase volume, the diversity of form, and the dispersal of source are threatening to overwhelm these techniques. There are other subsidiary forces which also cloud the picture: namely, the increased splintering of subject matter and the insistent demand for greater speed in providing information to the scholar and administrator.

It is in the research's study or laboratory, and in the pre-drawing board stage that *ideas* rather than physical materials are under scrutiny, and where a speed-up is probably most feasible. Ideas have no inertia; their communication can be accelerated infinitely, subject only to the limits of the adroitness of information processing. Formerly, the time lag between the development of a fundamental idea and its practical utilization was often measured in tens of years, it is now frequently measured in months and weeks.

The scholar strives for simple, unifying concepts, but the path towards these concepts lies in complexity since the very nature of research, of accumulation of knowledge, and of growth of learning is contrasted to simplicity. However, there must be a *method* for handling the scholar's new knowledge for his immediate, and our consequent, benefit. One solution is found in the idea of a new kind of library—the special library—and the kind of librarianship it demands.

To rephrase my prior definition of the special library, it is a service that makes available whatever knowledge and experience it can to further an organization's activities; its function is to gather, organize and present all information, published or unpublished, in a specific field. It often does more; it correlates, interprets and utilizes the material at hand for the immediate use and benefit of the clientele it serves. At the



heart of the special library is that special librarian. In partnership with the scholar and administrator, and armed with skills of modern library science, he tackles the arduous task of making readily available to them the knowledge and experience of others. He is skilled in the use of standard bibliographical tools, and he knows the locations of larger and more comprehensive collections than his own; he seeks to understand the habits of his readers and the processes by which they come to need and later use data. He is aware of the objective of the investigators he assists and can therefore anticipate their information needs. He frequently has the role of acting as the link between the general and the user of information, who may sometimes be the same individual.

In the midst of our very real concern for the avalanche of information which is threatening to bury the research and administrator, we must not forget the enormity of the task assigned the special librarian. He is expected to know every boulder and pebble in the avalanche and to select all the best specimens to keep in his own special library rock pile. It is not an easy task.

But as the special librarian was born to a

new mission in life, so he has grown and must continue to grow and change as life around him grows and changes.

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Some of the more prominent trends noticeable in the efforts of special libraries to assist the researcher and administrator in resolving their information problems are: (1) the continued rapid expansion in the number of special libraries; (2) the incorporation of new types of information into special library activities; (3) the introduction of mechanized techniques for both routine and experimental information handling problems; (4) the interjection of the special librarian into the information process at a spot much closer to the origin of information; and (5) the development of specialized information centers specialized to an even greater degree than the present special library.

All of these trends are indicative of the greater role the special library will play in providing unique information services, and promoting the nation's research. The special library is indeed an important link in communication.

Parents of Children are said to be more delighted in their possession when the offspring are safe in their Beds, than at any other time. Tho' I trust I may be pardoned for making a seeming Comparison between Books and such a subject as Children, yet it may be said that it is true of the Librarian that he is most content when all his Books are in the Library under his protection. For he can be no lover of books if he be at ease when his books are absent from the Library.

Matrimony, so maintain'd worthy Master Peleg Gudger, is no fit Diversion for the Librarian, and in truth, I commend his Wisdom in the Matter. The dissipations of Time, the vain Emptinesses of Amusement, the general be-pestement that follows embarkation on this doubtful Sea (doubtful, if not in fact, Perilous) all these concomitants of the Married State so conspire and agree to harass the Librarian and woo him from his legitimate tasks as to behoove him to take a great Oath never to allow himself to be entrapped. Tis the only safe course. Otherwise will he find himself badger'd when he desires to read in Peace; led forth to Domestic Duties when he should be marshalling his Books; and at all times Distract'd & Annoy'd, to the detriment of his Profession.

—THE OLD LIBRARIANS ALMANACK

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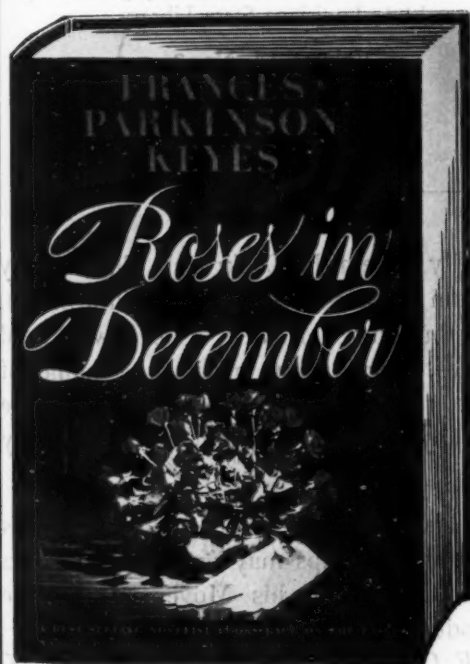
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